



# Whitman Today

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## Coronavirus News

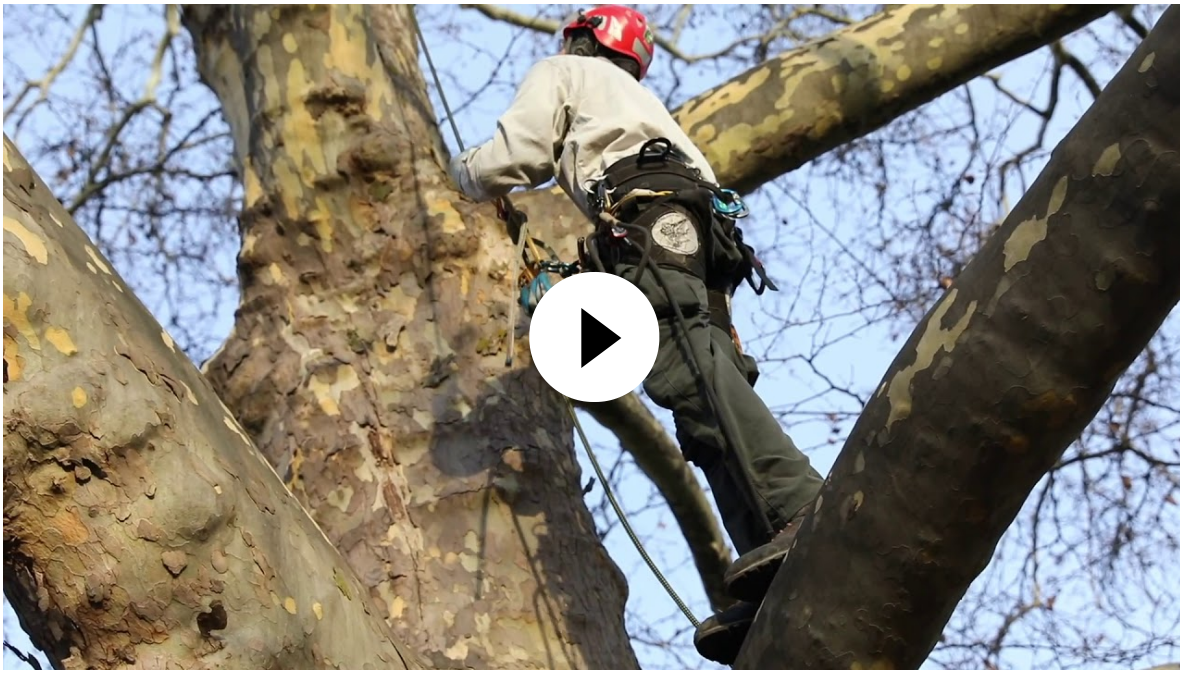
In the past 24 hours, seven more people in Walla Walla County tested positive for coronavirus, for a total of 51 confirmed cases in the county. Fifteen local residents have recovered from the virus.

County health officials say Walla Walla is now considered a coronavirus “hot spot” and it’s more important than ever that residents stay home during the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, despite a barrage of criticism, Georgia state officials are moving ahead today with plans to allow some nonessential businesses to reopen, even as coronavirus deaths increase statewide. Georgia’s governor is the first in the nation to ease stay-at-home orders put in place in response to the virus.

[Whitman's Coronavirus Website](#)

## Announcements



### Happy Arbor Day!

Whitman College has received the designation of [Tree Campus USA](#) from the Arbor Day Foundation. What does it take to maintain our campus trees (and our 1:1 student to tree ratio?) Watch the video above to see how arborist Kirk Huffey climbs trees on campus in order to perform maintenance and pruning. You can also enjoy [a virtual tour of Whitman's prickly trees](#), led by Senior Lecturer of Biology Susanne Altermann.

### SEC Launches Online Resources

The Student Engagement Center (SEC) has created a new webpage with lists of resources and services available to help students engage with their communities and pursue careers and internships. The [COVID-19 resources](#) page has tips for graduating seniors, information on scheduling virtual appointments with SEC staff, as well as links to other helpful resources.

## Campus Resources

### Practice Your German Language Skills

The German Studies program is offering a virtual German language table for current students, faculty, staff and alumni every Tuesday at 5 p.m. until the end of the semester. Anyone who is interested in joining can email Emily Jones at [jonesee@whitman.edu](mailto:jonesee@whitman.edu) for login information.

[Coronavirus FAQs](#)

## Health Reminder

### What is self-isolation?

People who are ill, regardless of a diagnosis of COVID-19, are being asked to self-isolate. That means staying in your room and avoiding contact with others as much as possible. This helps slow the spread of illness. If you live on campus, ask your RD about having your meals delivered to your room. Wear a cloth face covering when using public areas, including the restroom or kitchen. See more tips about staying comfortable while self-isolating in the [health FAQ](#).

[Health and Social Distancing Tips](#)

## Happening Today

4 p.m.

### [Careers in the Public Sector: Job Hunting and Networking During COVID-19](#)

*Presented by Ellie Klein '10, Associate Program Officer with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, this session will introduce the world of policy, government and public sector careers, as well as to give tips on job searching and networking in a challenging economy.*

[See More Upcoming Events](#)

Have a virtual event you'd like to share with campus? Email the details to [whitmantoday@whitman.edu](mailto:whitmantoday@whitman.edu).

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